

INSTRUMENT PANEL SYSTEM WITH HIDDEN
AIRBAG DOOR

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An instrument panel includes, in an exemplary embodiment, a thermoplastic base substrate having a first surface and an opposing second surface, and a door portion defined by a tear seam notch in the first surface of the base substrate. The tear seam notch defines a periphery of the door portion. The instrument panel also includes at least one hinge portion defined by a plurality of tear seam notches in the first surface of the base substrate. Each hinge portion interrupts the door portion tear seam notch so that the door portion tear seam notch is not continuous.